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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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First Named Inventor	Paul Lafata
Art Unit	1722
Examiner Name	Emmanuel S. Luk
Attorney Docket Number	TRM TR990031RCE

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

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- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply      iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)      iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☒ Other **Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time**

3. **Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **50-2121**
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)      05/03/2005 SSESHE1 00000010 10089558
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)      01 FC:1801      790.00 OP
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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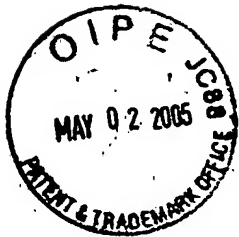
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Application No.: 10/089,558  
Applicant: Lafata, et al.  
Filed: November 18, 2002  
Title: **"METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MOLDING PLASTIC MATERIALS WITH A METALLIC APPEARANCE"**  
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**AMENDMENT C**  
**AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

This Request For Continued Examination and Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 2, 2004. As this response is being filed three-months after the three-month shortened statutory period of reply, a Three Month Petition For An Extension Of Time has been filed herein. Form PTO-2038 authorizing Credit Card payment of the Three-Month extension fee and the RCE fee is also enclosed.

In addition, Applicant conditionally petitions for an additional extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for an additional extension has inadvertently been

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overlooked. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any necessary additional extension fees.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

Re-examination and reconsideration are requested.